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Compensation for the families of the victims of Krishna Anicut accident.

* 261 *Q.*—Sri T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any compensation has been sanctioned to the families of the three workers who died in the Krishna Anicut accident;

(*b*) if so, what was the amount?

(*c*) whether the amount has been paid to the respective families and if not, why not;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representations from the P.W.D. Workers' Union, Vijayavada, requesting the Government to provide permanent maintenance to the families of the three workers who died in Krishna Anicut accident; and

(*e*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The following amounts have been sanctioned by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and deposited in the Court of the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras :—

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To the family of Sri Venkateswaralu	1,500
Do. ,, Subbarao	1,200
Do. ,, Raghavalu	1,200

" (*c*) The Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Madras, will arrange for payment after making the enquiries prescribed in the Rules."

" (*d*) & (*e*) Yes; a copy of the resolution passed at the conference of the P.W.D. Workers' Union, Vijayavada, on 8th February 1953, under the presidentship of the hon. Member has been received. It is under consideration."

Sri T. POTHA RAJU :—" In view of the supreme sacrifice that they have made in the interests of the nation and in view of the fact that these three workers were the only bread-winners of their families, will the Government consider the necessity of granting their families more amounts so that they may be properly fed? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Some amounts have already been sanctioned. The hon. Gentleman presided over a conference and has asked for a greater amount to be sanctioned. The question is under consideration."

Sri R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO :—" వీరు కూడా దేశ శ్రేయస్సుకోసం చనిపోయినవారు కాబట్టి, రాజకీయబాధితులవలె వీరికికూడా ౫ ఎకరముల భూమి ఇవ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వంవారికి అభ్యంతరమేమి ? "

Sri T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, no answer has been given. Why is the Hon. Minister shy of giving the answer? "